

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising: ~~for enabling a server on a packet switched network to authenticate a user of a wireless terminal prior to granting the terminal access to a service administrated by the server, the method~~ including:
 - initiating, from ~~the~~ a wireless terminal, transmission of a first set of user identification parameters to ~~the~~ a server over a first communication path;
 - transmitting, from the wireless terminal, a second set of user identification parameters to the server over a second communication path;
 - obtaining access, at the wireless terminal over the second communication path, to ~~the~~ a service in dependence on an authentication by the server based on a match between the first set of user identification parameters and the second set of user identification parameters.
2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said initiating ~~step~~ includes initiating transmission of an ~~SMS~~ (Short Message Service) message, which includes the first set of user identification parameters, from an ~~SMS-C~~ (Short Message Service Center) to the server.
3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein each set of said first set of user identification parameters and said second set of user identification parameters includes a user identification parameter and a password parameter.
4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the user identification parameter is a user name or an ~~MSISDN~~ (Mobile Station Integrated Services Digital Network) number.
5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the password parameter is a ~~PIN~~ (Personal Identity Number) code.
6. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said authentication is further based on the transmission of said second set of user identification parameters within a predefined time limit following the transmission of said first set of user identification parameters.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transmitting the second set of user identification parameters is effectuated by using a URL bookmark stored in the wireless terminal and designating the server.

8. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the URLuniform resource locator is user specific and includes a username encrypted with a key only known to the server.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the URLuniform resource locator previously has been received from a corporate intranet as an OTA bookmark.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transmitting includes transmitting the second set of user identification parameters over a WAP (Wireless Application Protocol) session established between the wireless terminal and the server.

11. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the service is administrated by the server and the service concerns an electronic mailbox account associated with the user.

12. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transmitting includes transmitting the second set of user identification parameters over a voice session established with the server, and wherein the server, by means of text-to-speech and speech-to-text conversion, provides the user with a said service for listening to, and initiating transmission of, electronic mails via an electronic mailbox account associated with the user.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Apparatus, comprising: system for enabling a server on a packet switched network to authenticate a user of a wireless terminal prior to granting the terminal access to a service administrated by the server, the system including:~~

~~a first server means for receiving~~ configured to receive information over a first communication path;

~~a second server means for receiving~~ configured to receive information over a second communication path;

~~the~~ a wireless terminal ~~being~~ adapted to initiate transmission of a first set of user identification parameters to the ~~server~~ apparatus over the first communication path and to transmit a second set of user identification parameters to the ~~server~~ apparatus over the second communication path; and

~~the server apparatus being~~ adapted to base authentication of the wireless terminal on a match between the first set of user identification parameters and the second set of user identification parameters.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein said first server ~~means~~ is implemented by an SMS short message service gateway and said first set of user identification parameters is included in a SMS short message service message.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein each set of said first set of user identification parameters and said second set of user identification parameters includes a user identification parameter and a password parameter.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the user identification parameter is a user name or an MSISDN mobile subscriber integrated services digital network number.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the password parameter is a PIN personal identification number code.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein authentication is further based on transmission of said second set of user identification parameters within a predefined time limit following transmission of said first set of user identification parameters.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein said second server ~~means~~ is implemented by WAP wireless application protocol session means and said second set of user identification parameters is transmitted in a WAP wireless application protocol session established between the wireless terminal and the server.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the service is administrated by the server apparatus and the service concerns an electronic mailbox account associated with the user.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein ~~said second server means is implemented by voice session means which includes means for~~ configured to implement a voice session including text-to-speech and speech-to-text conversion for providing the user with a service for listening to, and initiating transmission of, electronic mails via an electronic mailbox account associated with the user.